

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2000-567-C - ORDER NO. 2001-255

MARCH 21, 2001

IN RE: Application of FTC Diversified Services, Inc.)	ORDER GRANTING
to expand the area of service to offer Local)	EXPANDED
Exchange and Exchange Access)	AUTHORITY AND
Telecommunications Services in the Town of)	AMENDMENT TO
Hemingway.)	CERTIFICATE

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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of FTC Diversified Services, Inc. (FTC or the Company) to expand its authority to provide local exchange and exchange access service in and around the town of Hemingway, South Carolina. Order No. 98-463, issued on June 19, 1998, granted authority to provide services to customers located in and around the cities, towns, or locations of Bishopville, Kingstree, Lake City, Manning, Olanta, Shawview Heights, Summerton and Sumter.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, the Company published a Notice of Filing, one time, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Hemingway area. Included in the Notice were instructions as to how a member of the public might participate in any proceeding on the matter. The Company filed an affidavit to show compliance with the instructions of the Executive Director. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received. Accordingly, we will proceed to dispose of this matter in a summary fashion.

Commission Order No. 98-463 found that FTC met the statutory criteria for the granting of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange and exchange access telecommunications services in the areas designated in the Application at that time. We believe that this finding applies equally for the provision of the same services in and around the town of Hemingway, South Carolina. Accordingly, the request to expand the area of service by the Company and to amend the Company's certificate pursuant to that expansion is hereby granted as filed.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

(SEAL)